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# Program Memorandum Carriers

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## CHANGE REQUEST 1908

### SUBJECT: 2002 Anesthesia Conversion Factors

In past years, the participating physician anesthesia conversion factors, which are used to process both physician anesthesia claims and certified registered nurse anesthetist claims, have been communicated to you separately from the other Medicare physician fee schedule files. This year, the 2002 anesthesia conversion factors are included in a separate file and you can download them along with the Medicare physician fee schedule files. The file name for the 2002 anesthesia conversion factors is MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY02.ANES.V1017 which is a text file version of the file and contains the 2002 anesthesia conversion factor by locality.

Listed below is the record layout for the 2002 Anesthesia Conversion Factor File.

### Anesthesia Record Layout

<u>Data Element Name</u>	<u>Picture</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Length</u>
Carrier Number	X(5)	1-5	5
Locality Number	X(2)	13-14	2
Locality Name	X(30)	19-48	30
Anesthesia CF 2002	99V99	74-77	4

**NOTE:** There are 19 new anesthesia codes in 2002 for which base unit have been established. There are 11 current codes where the base unit has been changed so that the CMS base unit and the American Society of Anesthesiologist's Relative Value Guide base unit are the same. The base units assigned to the anesthesia codes are on the 2002 HCPCS tape.

**The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is January 1, 2002.**

**The *implementation date* for this PM is January 1, 2002.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after December 31, 2002.**

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